

COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2013

The second regular October meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charles Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Julie Kersey had questions about the regulations for home renovations and a past permit that she had not received. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton, who was present, said he would meet with her after the meeting.

In department reports, Street/Water Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work during the last two weeks. Horton said he had issued 25 notices of violation and 29 building permits, conducted 40 building inspections, and received 25 calls during October. He reported that the property at 208 Fairfield Drive has been purchased and the new owner has renovated it as a rental property.

In Old Business, Ordinance #412 was the first item on the agenda. Mayor Taylor read the ordinance in its entirety. Smith made the motion to adopt Ordinance #412 which provides for an online auction for the 2008 Chevrolet Blazer cruiser. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, the speed bump on Grafton Street was discussed. Larry Martin and Jim Moore spoke for and against the bump, respectively. Councilman Stevens conducted a door to door survey and it showed seven in favor of the bump remaining and four to remove it. Councilman Starsick said he would like to see a show of hands among those present who live on Grafton Street. Mayor Taylor asked those in favor of the bump to raise their hands. Seven raised their hands. He then asked those opposed to raise their hands. Four raised them. Starsick then made the motion to vote on the speed bump on Grafton Street. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Mayor Taylor asked for a roll call vote. Stevens, Starsick, Smith, Williams and Kolb all voted for the speed bump to remain in place.

Proposals for Christmas lights for downtown were reviewed. All of the proposals were for 10 LED snowflake lights. Kolb made the motion to accept the proposal from Holiday Designs at a cost of \$3,640. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Councilman Smith said he would like to replace the remaining Christmas lights also.

Taylor said Beverly Hillberry Jones has been recommended as the city's representative on the West Augusta Historical Society and he feels she would be a very good choice. Stevens made the motion to appoint Jones. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Taylor presented the quote from Reclaim Co for the demolition/asbestos removal for the City property at 141 Buffalo Street. The quote for the asbestos abatement/disposal was \$16,278 and the demolition/disposal was \$21,722. Smith made the motion to accept the asbestos abatement/disposal quote from Reclaim Co. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved. Smith made the motion to accept the quote for the demolition/disposal of the Duncan Building from Reclaim Co. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Stevens made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Travis Ashcraft came into the meeting at this point and said he is having problems parking in front of his residence across from city hall. He said the curb is too high for his wife to get out of the car but a police officer has told him that he is parking too far from the curb. Mayor Taylor said he and Superintendent Nice would look at the situation.

Kolb made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.